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SUBJ: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON NEW FRENCH AMBASSADOR
TO RWANDA, PAUL-HENRY MANIERE

1. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS ANNOUNCED THE
APPOINTMENT OF PAUL-HENRY MANIERE AS THE NEW FRENCH
AMBASSADOR TO RWANDA, REPLACING ROBERT PICQUET.

2. A 54-YEAR OLD CAREER DIPLOMAT, MANIERE HOLDS A DEGREE
FROM THE NATIONAL SCHOOL OF OVERSEAS FRANCE AND A DOCTO-
RATE IN LAW. HE BEGAN HIS FOREIGN SERVICE CAREER AS AN
ADMINISTRATOR WITH THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS FRANCE FROM
1945-50, BEFORE ENTERING THE PRESTIGIOUS ECOLE NATIONALE
D'ADMINISTRATION. AFTER GRADUATING IN 1953 HE WAS
ASSIGNED AS A LIAISON OFFICER WITH THE RESIDENCE GENERALE
IN MOROCCO FROM 1953-56. SUBSEQUENTLY, MANIERE HAD POST-
INGS TO ATHENS (1956-60), LONDON (1960-63), AND DAMASCUS
(1964-67), BEFORE RETURNING TO THE QUAI D'ORSAY WHERE HE
SERVED IN THE OFFICE OF PACTS AND DISARMAMENT UNTIL 1970.
THERE FOLLOWED A BRIEF ASSIGNMENT TO ABIDJIAN. SINCE
1972, HE HAS BEEN POSTED AS FIRST COUNSELOR IN ROME,
ASSIGNED TO THE HOLY SEE.

3. MANIERE IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER NICOLE DE KERNAFFLEN
DE KERGOS, AND THEY ARE THE PARENTS OF SIX CHILDREN.

MANIERE IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE LEGION D'HONNEUR (RANK

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